The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV)

School of Medicine

CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

The School of Medicine (SOM) at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) seeks an individual with an outstanding record of scientific achievement, grant support, scholarly accomplishments and mentoring as its inaugural Chair of the Department of Biomedical Sciences. Dynamic leadership, communication and interpersonal skills, and keen vision are required. Reporting to the Vice President for Medical Affairs/Dean of the School of Medicine, the Chair will be responsible for building and maintaining robust research programs, high quality graduate programs, medical student education, and a collegial interactive culture. The Chair also serves as an advisor to the Associate Dean of Education for the School of Medicine and will establish a vision for the department and effectively communicate how it contributes to the success of individuals, the School of Medicine, institution, and profession.

This position is expected to maintain a record of personal success in his/her field and participate in the teaching, research, and training missions of the department. The Chair must serve as a role model for and represent both faculty and students. The overall responsibility of the Chair is to lead the Department to a position of academic and professional eminence, while furthering the goals and missions of the School of Medicine.

Minimum qualifications include:

- a Ph.D., M.D., M.D. /Ph.D. or equivalent degree
- be an associate or full professor at an LCME accredited medical school
- be innovative and well informed as well as passionate about biomedical sciences and its value in the emergence of integrated healthcare, population health and the education of future physicians.

Candidates must be eligible for professorship with tenure. The ideal candidate will have a widely recognized national reputation in their field. The ability to foster a culture of collaboration, innovation, and accountability, across the Rio Grande Valley is important. This is a wonderful opportunity for a visionary leader. The South Texas Rio Grande Valley is a unique multicultural coastal region filled with rich history, wildlife and plant life, and beautiful weather. This region is a birder’s paradise in a Gulf Coast area with beautiful and unspoiled wetlands and beaches, crowded only with birds, fish and dolphins.
The program is located in a lush semi-tropical region that is at the threshold where Latin American and US cultures meet. Though it is one of the dynamic, least expensive and fastest growing areas in the country the South Texas population has a number of economic, health and educational disparities. This is a place where you can enjoy the best life has to offer and make a difference.

Initial faculty appointment will be with the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA), until UTRGV is a fully accredited and free standing university.

Interested individuals should submit electronically: a letter of interest, a current CV, and 3 letters of reference addressed to Dr. Francisco Fernandez, Dean, UTRGV School of Medicine, c/o Jacquelyn May, Program Coordinator, at Jacquelyn.May@utrgv.edu.

The UTHSCSA is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer including protected veterans and persons with disabilities.

All faculty appointments are designated and security sensitive positions.